

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to correct informalities raised by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-14.

Applicants respectfully submit that antecedent basis for “the target information handling system” in Claim 1 is found in the preamble of Claim 1. The Examiner will find support for the terms “vendor-specific format to a vendor independent format” in numerous locations of the written description, such as at page 3, line 20-24; page 6, lines 13-15, and page 6, line 31 – page 7, line 6. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of Claims 1-14 and issue a notice of allowance without further delay.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS via EFS on January 2, 2007.

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